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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Forgiveness of Sins

By Dr. Tom Malone
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I would like for you to notice a statement in Luke 7:48 and doubt if I will ever take a much shorter text than the one I am taking for this sermon. It only has four words in it. In verse 48 which fell from the lips of the Son of God, we read these four words, "... Thy sins are forgiven."

In reading this statement which Jesus spoke, one is led to think about all that is implied in this little statement that Jesus made to the woman, "... Thy sins are forgiven."

I want us to think on the subject, **The Forgiveness of Sins**. When you look up the word "forgive" as you would with its derivatives "forgiven," "forgiving," or "forgiveness" in the Bible, you will find that it has a twofold meaning. For one thing, and this is not the entire meaning of it,

it has the meaning "to cover." Another definition is, "a sending away," or a loosing or letting go. In other words, forgiveness in the Bible is to separate the sinner from his sin and the guilt thereof. How can that come about? How can any sinner be forgiven? "... Thy sins are forgiven," Jesus said. How can that possibly be?

There are three preliminary statements that come to mind. First of all, it is impossible for you or me or anyone else to be happy without the knowledge of sins forgiven. You cannot possibly have solid happiness without a knowledge of sins forgiven. Psalms 32:1 says, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." The words "blessed" and "happy" in the Bible are synonymous. God's book says here, "Happy is he whose sins are forgiven." According to the Bible, there is no such thing as a happy man or woman, boy or girl, unless they have the knowledge of sins forgiven. So, I say it is impossible to be happy without this knowledge.

I say in the second place, it is possible, according to the Bible, to have this knowledge. We read in Acts 13:38, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man," that is, Jesus, "is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: ..." The burden, the heart of the message of the apostles was the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

In the third place, I would like for you to see that the believers in the New Testament had that knowledge of sins forgiven. They talked about it and relaxed in it and rested upon it and never

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Roman Catholicism Under the Searchlight

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Once on a hunt in the wilds of India I was excitedly stalking a bull elephant, only to discover that, all the while and from the rear, I was being stalked by a man-eating tiger. Similarly, the United States has been so preoccupied with the menace of Communism, that slight attention has been given to the more stealthy and dangerous enemy, the Church of Rome.

We are today facing a crisis of major magnitude for New Testament Christianity and for the freedoms that constitute essential Americanism. The crisis is due to the threat of a powerful and subversive foe, clad in the garments of religion and equipped with all the tools in the arsenal of totalitarianism. But millions of Protestants are in a state of intellectual somnolence and spiritual stupor, as oblivious of a crisis as I was when stalked by a Bengal tiger. Suppose I had not been alerted in time or had failed to heed the warning! I trust that no one of my readers will be so foolish as to decline to look at the menace or to investigate its stark seriousness.

Communism and Roman Catholicism exhibit striking similarities. This is due to the fact that they are totalitarian systems, both as to their central presumptions and their basic methods. There is evidence, indeed, that the newer system deliberately copied from the older, particularly with respect to the techniques of penetration and pressure long used by the Jesuits. Americans need desperately to face up to certain indubitable facts about Communism and Roman Catholicism. BOTH of these systems in their world-wide ramifications

have their headquarters in, and control from, a land foreign to us. BOTH claim the right to rule the world and to restrict or abolish the basic freedoms, namely, freedom of conscience, religion, speech and the press. BOTH make extensive use of the ban, boycott and censorship for the attainment of their chosen ends. BOTH aim to seize and control the United States, as BOTH have repeatedly admitted. And BOTH utilize persistently the method of repression and persecution, which is an integral element of all totalitarian systems. In actuality, the Church of Rome is the greater menace to Christian people, because it is wrapped in the robes of religion. This gives it an aura of sanctity and many people uncritically imagine that it can do no wrong.

Within the limits of this article, I propose to put Romanism under the searchlight of truth, the truth of history and of God's Word. What are the pretensions of the Roman Church? And what does the searchlight of truth reveal?

I. A Church That Claims to Have an Infallible Pope

However difficult to conceive, this fact must be faced: one man, the Pope in Rome, has absolute and despotic authority over all the possessions, organizations and activities of the Catholic Church everywhere, over the offices of bishops and priests, over the activities of the Religious Orders, and over the minds, bodies and souls of every Catholic on this planet. For Roman Catholics, everything

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The Three Crosses

By T. DeWitt Talmage

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."—Luke 23:33.

Just outside of Jerusalem is a swell of ground, toward which a crowd are ascending; for it is the day of execution. What a mighty assemblage! Some for curiosity to hear what the malefactors will say, and to see how they will act. The three persons to be executed are already there. Some of the spectators are vile of lip and bloody of cheek. Some look up with revenge, hardly able to keep their hands off the sufferers. Some tear their own hair in a frenzy of grief. Some stand in silent horror. Some break out into uncontrollable weeping. Some clap their hands in delight that the offenders are to be punished at last.

The soldiers, with drawn swords, drive back the mob, which press on so hard. There is fear that the proceedings may be interrupted. Let the German Legion, now stationed at Jerusalem, on horseback, dash along the line, and force back the surging multitude. "Back with you!" is the cry. "Have you never seen a man die before?"

Three crosses in a row. An upright piece and two transverse pieces—one on the top, on which the hands are nailed, and one at the middle, on which the victim sat. Three trees just planted, yet bearing fruit—the one at the right bearing poison, and the one at the left bitter aloes; the one in the middle, apples of love. Norway pine and tropical orange and Lebanon cedar would not make so strange a grove as this orchard of Calvary.

The Cross of Rejection and Scoffing, Dying In Sin
Stand, and give a look at the



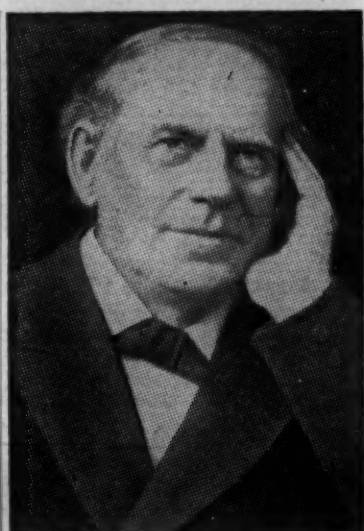
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three crosses. Just look at the one on the right. Its victim dies scoffing. More tremendous than his physical anguish is his scorn and hatred of Him on the middle cross.

This one on the right twists half around on the spikes to hiss at the one on the middle. If the scoffer could get one hand loose, and He were within reach, he would smite the middle sufferer in the face. He hates Him with perfect hatred. I think he wishes he were down on the ground, that he might spear Him. He envies the mechanics who, with their nails, have nailed Him fast.

Amid the settling darkness, and louder than the crash of the rocks, I hear him jeer out these words, "Ah! ah! you poor wretch. I knew you were an impostor! You pretended to be a God and yet you let these German legions master you." It was in some such hate that Voltaire, in his death hour, because he thought he saw Christ in his bedroom, got up on his elbow, and cried out, "Crush that wretch!"

What had the middle cross done to arouse up this right-hand cross? Nothing. Oh, the enmity of the natural heart against Christ! The world likes a sentimental Christ or a philanthropic Christ, but a Christ who comes to snatch men from their sins, away with Him! On this right-hand cross, I see



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typified the unbelief of the world. Men say, "Back with Him from the heart. I will not let Him take my sins. If He will die, let Him die for Himself, not for me." There has always been a war between this right-hand cross and the middle cross; and wherever there is an unbelieving heart, there the fight goes on. Oh, if, when that dying malefactor perished, the faithlessness of man had perished, then that tree which yields poison would not have budded and blossomed for all the world.

Look up into that disturbed countenance of the sufferer, and see what a ghastly thing it is to reject Christ. Behold in that awful face, in that pitiful look, in that unblest death hour, the stings of the sinner's departure! What a plunge into darkness! Standing high upon the cross on the top of the hill, so that all the world may look at him, he says, "Here I go out of a miserable life into a wretched eternity! One! Two! Three! Listen to the crash of the fall, all ye ages!" So Hobbes dying after he had seventy years in which to prepare for eternity, said, "Were I master of all the world, I would give it all to live one day longer." Sir Francis Newport, hovering over the brink, cried out,

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"Kennedy for President?" Pamphlet Tremendously Popular

Robert L. Sumner's Pamphlet, "Kennedy for President?" Is Being Enthusiastically Received by Thousands

By Evangelist Walt Handford
Assistant Editor

Orders for over 3,000 copies of Robert L. Sumner's pamphlet, *Kennedy for President?* were in hand before the pamphlet was even off the presses. We have had a tremendous mail from pastors and lay Christians who are interested in this vital Catholic presidential issue. Many have said that Brother Sumner's material is absolutely the best thing in print on the subject. Others have commented that his material was the most factual and well documented of anything they had read to date. One pastor ordered 600 copies of the pamphlet for his congregation. We have had several long-distance telephone calls ordering copies of the pamphlet. By the time you read this a second printing of the powerful little pamphlet will be already off the press.

Pamphlet Free With Subscriptions

We are offering Bob Sumner's pamphlet, *Kennedy for President?* free with subscriptions. With each \$3 subscription we will send five copies of the thirty-six page pamphlet free and postpaid. With an order for two subscriptions at \$5 we will send ten free copies of the pamphlet, and with orders for three subscriptions at \$7.50 you may receive fifteen free copies of the pamphlet. For five subscriptions at \$12 you may get twenty copies of the pamphlet.

We are also offering the pamphlet for sale at the special low price of \$15 per hundred postpaid. One man asked why we were not

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Last week our final words in the Editor's Notes were written on Wednesday, the closing date of the conference on revival and soul winning in Phoenix, Arizona, sponsored by fifteen independent churches and by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In the four-day conference I was assisted by Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, and Pastor Jack Hyles of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana. We had a blessed time of stirring revival fires, holy dedication, and actual soul winning.

A Happy, Fruitful Closing

On Wednesday morning the Phoenix Bible Institute attended the services en masse. At 1:30 pastors and some workers and I were back at the Bible Chapel for prayer and planning before an afternoon of personal soul winning. Then the workers went out to be assigned to definite streets and areas surrounding two of the co-operating churches.

Before 7:00 p. m. the crowd was gathering for the evening service, and reports began to come in. I think there were reports of 18 happy conversions during the afternoon. A Catholic woman was sick. Her kindly neighbor brought in an earnest woman friend, a soul winner, and they prepared a dinner for the sick woman, and won her to Christ. With real rejoicing others told of God's blessing on their labors, and the crowd heard with joy.

A Catholic barber came to the service, looked up Rev. Clyde Martin of California, who had gotten his promise to attend the services. He was wonderfully saved and came to tell me and others about it.

A young man in the service held his hand for prayer, and sobbing violently came to the front to take Christ as Saviour, and then to the microphone to make his profession openly. There was a holy enthusiasm among the Christian people.

One pastor who had a record 121 in Sunday School on Sunday morning promised God that he would undertake to have 250 present by Christmas. I believe he will!

Rev. Arthur Woods, the greatly respected and trusted pastor of the Bible Chapel, said that in 18 years in Phoenix, he had found this conference to be the greatest blessing of any conference or revival he had attended or known about in that time.

Dr. Stuart, pastor of Calvary

Baptist Church at Tempe, was the chairman for the conference, and his wise leadership, his holy enthusiasm, and the great respect he has earned among other preachers and Christians, contributed greatly to the conference. The work of Rev. Sam Staggs, pastor of Free Will Baptist Church, was very helpful. I wish I could give the names and properly commend all the loyal, good men who helped. Pastor Moore, of a good Southern Baptist church, took me on Monday, and Dr. Lee Roberson and I both on Tuesday, for interviews on his half-hour gospel radio program.

Wednesday night in the closing service the house was packed to capacity—balcony, choir, and all the chairs in the aisles, and some standing outside. We have been invited to come back for such a conference again next year. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

And Now Home to Our Burdens!

After the closing services Wednesday at Phoenix, we were up about five o'clock Thursday morning (Mrs. Rice, Miss Viola Walden, and I) to start home for Wheaton. We drove for an hour or more and then stopped for breakfast, and on through the beautiful Rocky Mountains to Tucumcari, New Mexico, where we spent Thursday night, after covering over 600 miles, much of it through the mountains. Thursday we drove the last thirty miles of New Mexico, on through the Panhandle of Texas, through Amarillo, through Shamrock, Texas (where I was pastor of the First Baptist, 1924-26), through the state of Oklahoma, and halfway through Missouri. Saturday we drove on to Wheaton, arriving about 3:45 in the afternoon, having covered over 1,800 miles in less than three days!

My 1955 Buick ran smoothly and well. We stopped once for new spark plugs and points. No time for scenery on the way home, but we did enjoy the magnificent mountains on Highway 60, east of Phoenix.

SWORD Now "the Best Ever"

What a happy response we have received from wives and mothers who read "From My Kitchen Window" by Mrs. Jessie Rice Sandberg!

Literally hundreds of people have written begging us to continue for the next year the Bible Crossword Puzzles, and Mrs. Libby Handford has agreed to provide them.

Brother Sumner's "Incidents and Illustrations," the wonderful missionary stories of "The Jungle Doctor" series, the "Kids Korner," the editor's "Answers to Bible Questions," the column "With the Evangelists," all receive enthusiastic commendation. And we are pleased that a good many people are writing that "THE SWORD is (Continued on page 10)

INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

"Kennedy-izing the Country"

A lead editorial in *The Dallas Morning News* carried the above title. Because, in addition to the presidential matter, it dealt so graphically with the creeping socialism taking over our country, I am reproducing it here:

"Token taxation is paid by the Tennessee Valley Authority. It says so in every annual report of TVA. But who pays the real tax burden of TVA? Houston does. Dallas does. Every city with a private power and light company pays it.

"The Houston Power and Light Company has figured out how much of TVA tax its Houston customers have to pay.

"Out of every dollar of HP&L income 30 cents is for taxes. If TVA also had to pay 30 cents out of each dollar of TVA revenue, that would be equal taxation. But what does TVA actually pay? Out of every dollar of TVA income, not quite 2½ cents goes for taxes.

"How about the Rural Electrification Administration co-operatives? How much per dollar of their income goes to taxes? Answer: Gross REA income, for 1958, \$563,200,000; total taxes paid by REA for the same year \$16,700,000. Divide the big figure into the little one; it comes out less than 3 cents to the dollar.

"This means that HP&L is taxed 12 times as steeply as is TVA and that HP&L is taxed 10 times as much per dollar of revenue as is REA. The Houston company alone pays almost twice as much in total taxes as the 1,030 REA co-ops combined pay. And HP&L pays almost five times as much as TVA pays.

"Per customer of HP&L the tax cost figures in the customer's annual bill, on the average, at \$62.74. But the annual bill of a TVA customer includes only \$3.85 charged to taxation. For REA, the corresponding tax cost to customers averaged \$3.62 a year—a penny a day.

"Dallas Power & Light could show similar figures. So could every private power and light company in the country. You, Mr. America, are taxed to give cheap current to Knoxville, Nashville and nearby cities.

"This is the way it is because Franklin D. Roosevelt planned it that way. It is the plan of John Kennedy and his Harvard advisory brain trust. If you vote to Kennedy-ize the country, you will shovel the taxes in and Kennedy will shovel them out."

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labor and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labor of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy."—Thomas Jefferson.

Name Defamation

A name that becomes famous is apt to soon become common. For example, in Jacksonville, Florida, recently a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a CLARK GABLE were seeking support payments from a father who had left their mother, a GRACE KELLY sued her husband for divorce, and a ROBERT E. LEE was involved in a law suit. These cases were all in the civil court.

Meanwhile, the same week in criminal court, ROBERT E. LEE was being charged with reckless driving, GEORGE WASHINGTON was accused of driving without a license, DANIEL BOONE was charged with vagrancy, WAYNE KING was booked for leaving the scene of an accident and ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON was arraigned on a larceny charge.

These noted names were besmirched by the lesser lights who bore them.

Is there not a parallel regarding the Name above every name? We read in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Yet disciples who bear His Name often bring reproach upon it by their compromising conduct. David is an illustration of this tragic truth and Nathan reminded him, "... by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of God to blaspheme ..." (II Sam. 12:14).

No wonder the psalmist said, "... he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psa. 23:3).

Does your conduct defame or glorify the matchless Name of our lovely Lord?

Is Hell Eternal?

The forming of the United Church of Canada was brought about in 1925 through the merger of the Canadian Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. Since that time they apparently have been trying to decide just what they do believe and during the past five years a special commission of 43 of their top theologians has been studying the question of Hell as a place of eternal punishment. Since the historic Christian view is that the lost are consigned to Hell at death and can never even entertain a hope of getting out, while the liberal view is that if there is a Hell, a loving God will eventually release and redeem all of His "human children" which He is compelled to consign there, both obviously cannot be right. The special commission was appointed to determine the right and proper answer to the knotty dilemma.

Recently the United Church of Canada's special commission released their findings in a 126-page booklet entitled, "Life and Death—a Study of the Christian Hope." The conclusion of the committee was that the Scripture does not offer "a Baedeker's Guide to the next world" and that therefore no view can be conclusively proven.

Admitting that professing Christians "cannot and dare not deny the penalty of Hell," they toned it down and banked the fires by suggesting that Jesus might have been "speaking symbolically" when He referred to the Last Judgment. Apparently these theologians have forgotten that the symbol is always lesser than the reality and that such a theory only intensifies the awfulness of the judgment.

The commission did agree on the fact that men will have a "final reckoning before God" and that "sin is a desperately serious matter ... and must have dire consequences" for the unrepentant sinner. The theologians offered to their church the sentimental prattle: "May we dare to hope that beyond death there is opportunity for repentance leading to salvation?" Then they stated that possibilities for such a second chance seemed mighty good.

All of which sounds like so much hogwash in the light of Luke 16:19-31, Mark 9:43-49 and Matthew 25:41, 46, just to mention a few of the Saviour's statements.

If you are desirous of knowing the truth about Hell, do not turn to the booklet published by the United Church of Canada's special commission, "Life and Death—a Study of the Christian Hope," but rather to the infallible Word of the Living God. Know the Truth: know what the Bible says!

"Talking is like playing the harp; there is as much in laying the hands on the strings to stop their vibrations as in twanging them to bring out their music."—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

October 18-30:

North Park Baptist Church

3365 Coit, N. E., North Park

Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 24-25:

Spiritual Life Conference

Grand Rapids Baptist Theological

Seminary & Bible Institute

October 31-November 2:

Michigan Regular Baptist Fellowship

Wealthy Street Baptist Church

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Evangelists

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a thirteen-day meeting near Mount Union, Pennsylvania. For three days he was at a Youth Retreat at a Bible Youth Camp and the remaining ten days in the Community Bible Church where David L. Forsythe is pastor. In the church, which is less than one year old, there were 8 professions of faith in Christ, 3 rededications and 6 decisions for full-time service. The pastor highly recommends Brother Wilson as a compassionate, challenging preacher.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, held a revival in the Victory Tabernacle of Norfolk, Virginia, August 11-21. During the meeting there were 45 first-time decisions for Christ, 4 who came for assurance of salvation, and 92 rededications. Rev. W. D. Porter, pastor, reports that there was not a single barren service and they have scheduled Brother Duncan again next year.

Evangelist Duncan also held a revival in the Community Baptist Church of Rock Hill, South Carolina, where George L. Compton is pastor. There were 8 saved, and 23 rededications during the one-week meeting held September 6-11.

EVANGELIST PHIL MCGLAUGHLIN, 2025 Cline Avenue, Gary, Indiana, recently closed a tent meeting with the Belleville Baptist Temple of Belleville, Indiana. There were 22 first-time decisions for salvation as well as a number of other decisions among Christians according to the report of the pastor, Rev. Rolland Smith.

EVANGELIST DUSTY RHOADES held a revival at the Bible Baptist Church of Miami, Florida, July 24-31. There were 52 professions of faith in the one-week meeting. Rev. George E. Ziemer, pastor, is enthusiastic about the work of this newcomer to the field of evangelism. He recommends him not only as a good soul winner but also a challenging preacher for Christians and a talented musician.

EVANGELIST CECIL PEACOCK, P.O. Box 11, Bartow, Florida, writes to report recent meetings. In the Calvary Baptist Church of Warner Robbins, Georgia, where Rev. C. G. Groover is pastor, there were 10 first-time decisions for Christ, 12 additions to the church and a good number of rededications. Other meetings held by Brother Peacock but with no details of decisions were in the Grace Baptist Church of Hollywood, Florida, where Rev. Lindsey Williams is pastor, the Hyattsville Baptist Church of Lancaster, Kentucky, where Rev. Elby Frost is pastor, and in the Sherwood Baptist Church of Sherwood, Tennessee.

DR. JIM MERCER, 2844 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan, closed a meeting August 28 with the Bethel Baptist Church of Burlington, Wisconsin, where J. R. Loggans is pastor. The pastor reports 15 decisions for salvation, 4 backsliders reclaimed, and 10 who came for baptism.

EVANGELIST BILL HALL of Parsons, Tennessee, was in a revival meeting in the Hartland Heights Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, July 20-31. Rev. John B. Adair reports 5 conversions, 11 rededications, 9 who joined the church and 4 baptized.

REV. BOB BILLINGS of Skellytown, Texas, held a revival in the Faith Tabernacle of Hendersonville, North Carolina, August 7-14. There were 5 conversions and 28 rededications during the meeting according to Rev. Wendell Evans, pastor.

EVANGELIST JOHNNY HARTOG of Orange City, Iowa, a new comer to the field of evangelism, reports the conversion of 14 in two one-week meetings in the Berean Fundamental Churches of St. Joseph, Missouri, and McCook, Nebraska. At the close

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I am s. mouse of sword of the lord foundation and in the boss. When doctor rice and reverend handford and mr. byers leave work in in charge.

if i want i can put my feet up on doctor rices desk and squeak my head off.

but im in trouble now for answering the phone. last night a man called up long distance and said...send me one thousand rebellious wives, five hundred church members, three hundred skeletons, and urgent.

well, i said, o.k., and he said, to whom am i speaking... and i said, this is s. mouse of the sword, thats whom. and he said, oh, well be sure and tell doctor rice or viola what i want. then he hung up.

so i feel like a rat.

if i tell doctor rice somebody wanted a thousand rebellious wives he will just laugh at me. because i didnt get the guys name or address.

so im writing all sword customers on this electric typewriter they left plugged in and i hope i can locate the guy who talked to me last night.

but even if you arent the ons, why not order something from doctor john r. rice or viola walden--she sees about the retail business. theyll give you a good deal. and theyve got everything in the way of good books. i know; how do you think i spend my time after they leave. just write them at box 420, wheaton, illinois, and tell em i told you.

cordially yours,

s. mouse
signed by hand
sword of the lord

P. s. from my comfortable hideaway in the bosses desk drawer i heard him say that last year we sold over 42 thousand dollars worth of books by mail to individuals, and he hopes to beat that this year.

so i have decided to help him, then maybe he will come to appreciate his night manager.

well, for just one week, seven days--october 15 through the 22nd--i am offering to "my customers" that beautiful book on home: courtship, marriage and children, 381 pages, with a family record, marriage certificate, pictures and 22 chapters, for only two dollars instead of the regular three (my boss must be a softie or he would charge four for such a big, big book).

it says here... "over ninety thousand copies in print."

well, there are no divorces in my family, and my children, after a few squeaks, are gnawing their own mouse holes and picking up their own crumbs...but, my, the way these humans are blessed by that book. and this brand new printing sure is purty. it smells all right but doesnt taste too good--i only nibbled on one little corner.

send your two dollars, plus 15 cents they require for postage and packing, to your night manager, sword of the lord, box 420, wheaton, illinois. remember, my offer only for one week--october 15 through 22. (and be sure to put in a good word for your night manager.)

JUNGLE DOCTOR

by Paul White

to the Rescue

CHAPTER XI

The Adversary and the Flood

I lay back on the untidy pile of blankets and groaned. Farther over in the room Daudi lay on his side. He looked the picture of misery with all vocal accompaniments.

"Kah, Bwana," he groaned, "I feel sick. Behold, do you think there was enough poison in that milk to make us travel on the long journey?"

"Hongo, Daudi, I think there might have been if we hadn't had medicine to get rid of it and break its strength."

My African friend shuddered. "Kah, Bwana, I feel miserable. My legs feel as though they were stuffed with grass."

At that moment Simba appeared at the door. Beside him trotted an incredibly thin dog of the sort that is to be found around every African village.

"Simba," I said, in a feeble voice, "grab that dog and hold it for a minute." This was done. "Now take a drop of the milk and put it into the dog's eye."

"Kah, Bwana, put milk in the dog's eye? But why?"

"Behold, I think there is poison

in the milk, and if it is of the sort that I think it is, behold, it will make a change in the dog's eye, which will do no harm to the dog, but it will show us just what the poison is, and that will help us to treat ourselves and get better."

Five minutes after the milk had been put into the dog's eye the pupil of the eye started to expand until it looked like a cat's eye at night. The milkless eye was a deep brown, whereas the eye with the drop of milk in it was a tiny brown rim with a large black patch.

"Yah, Daudi, behold, he put beladonna into that milk."

I struggled over to my medicine case, loaded a syringe with the appropriate antidote and injected half into Daudi, and he injected the other half into me. We both lay back quietly on the floor, too utterly weary for words.

Simba hovered round the place seeing if there was anything he could do.

"Bwana," he said, "I cannot understand why Perisi has not come up. She said that she would come,

perhaps an hour ago. I hope all is well with her."

"Perhaps she is drawing water, and it takes much time to walk from the well here," suggested Daudi.

"Kah," said Simba, "I will boil what water we have and make tea."

"Heh... tea without milk, Simba. I'll not drink milk in this village for a long while."

Simba smiled. "Hongo, I have a little tin of condensed milk here, Bwana; there is no poison in that. The wiles of a witch-doctor cannot get through a tin."

He was building a little fire between three stones and boiling water in a cut-down kerosene tin. I lay on my back and looked at the roof in this ancient house that had once been a prosperous mission station, till the lack of personnel and money had caused the C. M. S. to restrict its work, and this house had fallen into decay. As I lay I could see the rough wood of the ceiling bulging down. White ants had had a busy time and had no doubt enjoyed themselves. I watched two lizards on the roof, walking along, upside down, with the greatest of ease. I watched their throats pulsating, and then suddenly I saw the ceiling bulge a trifle. I thought it was my eyes playing me false, and then to my horror a long brown snake appeared. Its weight was too heavy for the ant-eaten wood, and it crashed down almost on top of Daudi. I yelled, and Simba rushed in. Both Daudi and I were too weak to walk, and I don't know what would have happened if our good friend the African hunter hadn't been on the spot. He whipped up his spear and in a matter of a second the snake was transfixed expertly by the weapon.

"Yah," groaned Daudi, falling back on the floor again. "What a place, Bwana, what a place!"

"Kah," laughed Simba, "behold, I am used to snakes. Am I not a snake-hunter?"

Quite unconcernedly he went out and finished brewing the tea. We drank very considerably, and then it seemed to me that we must have been sleeping for hours when Simba came rushing in.

"Bwana--I have been down to where Perisi is. The reason that she did not come is that she has great sickness. Behold, she draws up her knees and makes strange sounds. She says there is great pain. Bwana," he came closer and whispered very confidentially in my ear.

Grabbing his arm I pulled myself to my feet. I felt painfully wobbly. "Let me go and have a look at her, Simba."

The African helped me as we went down the rough path from the old house, down through the thornbush of the partly-finished house with its fence of cornstalks. Simba's wife lay on an African bed that he had made for her from rough timber. The mattress was rope, put on criss-cross fashion.

She looked ghastly. "Bwana," she said, "the pains are very bad, and I have great fears."

Even as she spoke I heard the horrible, high-pitched, cackling laugh from beyond the thornbush, the laugh that I had learned somehow to link up with a dangerous situation.

"Heh," whispered Simba, "behold, Bwana, it is the old women of the place, those who cast spells."

Carefully I made my examination. Everything had to be done with the greatest of care; two lives were at stake. Five minutes later I straightened my back and sat with relief on a little stool.

"Simba," I said, "there is an answer to this trouble. But it lies in a small bottle fifteen miles away. We must get Perisi to the hospital. We must get the car going at once and drive her there."

"Kah, Bwana," said the African, "but you have not strength to drive the car."

"I think I have, Simba, if all goes well. But you must stay here or these folk will wreck everything. Tell Daudi to be ready to go very soon."

Five minutes later we were in the car. I was at the wheel and Simba and the usual collection of small boys were industriously pushing the car along the level until it came to a slight downgrade. Then with a yell they

pushed with all their might. The car gathered speed, I let in the clutch, and with a splutter the old bus started. Ominously from the hills above came the rumble of thunder. Suddenly the brightness of the sun was blotted out by huge black clouds.

"Yah," said Daudi, "Bwana, we are getting to a time when storms are very strong and very dangerous, drive fast..."

Two or three miles ahead of us we could see rain falling in a deluge. We drove on. Coming to the place where rain had fallen we found the red road as sticky as buttered glass. The car skidded wildly. It took all the strength that I had to keep her on the road. The African girl in the back lay with her teeth set. All her courage was needed to keep back the groans.

The track opened up before us and then after a long downgrade there was a river with muddy brown water rushing at a great speed. I pulled up and looked out. An African woman with a load of wood on her head was just stepping into the water on the far side. It seemed to be only inches deep.

"Bwana," said Daudi urgently, "behold, in a little while there will be much water in this river."

I put the car into low gear and moved slowly across. The water was washing against the wheels.

"Bwana, we are just in time, behold..."

But before he could finish the radiator of the car disappeared three feet down into a deep pool. Someone had dug a well; it was invisible because of the muddy water. We were within ten feet of the far bank, but there seemed no prospect of making it. The engine would not start. I opened the door and stumbled out into the water. My legs were still pitifully weak, and Daudi could barely stand up. I tried to find something with which to anchor the car, but the rope would not reach the nearest tree. Then we heard a cry of alarm from the girl in the back of the car. We looked upstream, and there, swirling down towards us, perhaps a hundred yards away, was a wall of brown water. We had barely time to struggle back and get our patient safely on to the bank before the cascade struck the car, picking it up like a cork and floating it for a moment, and then with a sickly lurch it was turned over and swung round. I saw all sorts of things being carried downstream in the swirling mass of water.

We made Perisi as comfortable as we could underneath a great baobab tree. There was a drawn look on her face and she started to shiver.

"Heh, Bwana," she said, between closed teeth, "the pains are very bad, very bad."

I had no means whatsoever of sterilizing the water for an injection, so I drew up some of the

water from the flooded river, five drops of it to be exact, into a syringe, dissolved morphia, and injected. I saw Daudi put his hand over his eyes...

"Bwana," he said, "I am too weak to stand. My legs just feel... just feel..." And with that he sat down. He put his head in his hands. At that moment a gust of wind came howling through the jungle.

"Bwana," said Perisi, shivering, "behold, the noise of the wind is like the laughter of the old women."

From where I sat I could see the river creeping up above the wheels of the car, which were forlornly turning. There was a vague slump as a great piece of driftwood hit the car. My two African friends sitting beside me looked all in, and I personally felt the same.

"Bwana," said Daudi, "behold, this is a victory for the devil. Surely we are beaten."

Then came the words of a verse I had once learned. "Hongo, surely we are in bad trouble, very bad trouble, but do not forget the words of God, did He not say through the words of the prophet, that when the adversary shall come in like a flood"... and we all looked at the tossing mass of water and the derelict car... "the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

"Bwana," said Perisi, "these are words of comfort. Behold, men will come in perhaps a day's time with strong ropes to pull the car out of the water. It may be dried and oiled again--behold, it will travel the road. Bwana, what about me? Are the words of the old women to be true?"

"Perisi," I said, "there is one big thing I can tell you. These too are the words of the prophet, he said: 'Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear.' Let us all speak to Him and tell Him of our need."

And even as I spoke the storm broke. Water came down in veritable torrents, the whole countryside was blotted out--wind shrieked through the trees, and from beside me I heard the groan of the girl in agony. Truly we were travelling through the valley of the shadow.

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A Column for Wives and Mothers
By Jessie Rice Sandberg

Teaching Children to Memorize

We had a wonderful family pastime when I was a child which I think is almost unheard of in these days when families are so preoccupied with television and many other activities outside the home. We memorized all kinds of literature—mostly Scripture, of course, but occasionally some portions of great classical writings, sometimes little poems to help with character building, and sometimes readings which we memorized just for the fun of the learning.

It was always a part of our regular Christmas festivities to quote together the first 20 verses of Luke 2 as we sat around the lighted tree on Christmas Eve. I remember that we learned together the 28th chapter of Matthew as we drove along in the car on the way to Grandpa's house for the Easter holidays and always afterward we would quote it together at the breakfast table on Easter morning. On another occasion we learned the first few verses of John 14, besides many, many individual Scriptures at different times.

Dad and Mother both loved the writings of Browning, Tennyson, and Shakespeare and so we soon became familiar with many short quotations from their writings. Two that I remember from Shakespeare at the moment are:

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
To have a thankless child....

and

Her voice was ever soft,
Gentle, and low, an excellent thing in
woman.

And then we had a great deal of fun with James Whitcomb Riley's "Little Orphant Annie." We would quote it with all sorts of elaborate gestures, especially when we came to the closing lines:

An' little Orphant Annie says when the
blaze is blue,
An' the lamp-wick sputters, an' the wind
goes WOO-OO!
An' you hear the crickets quit, an' the
moon is gray,
An' the lightnin'-bugs in dew is all squenched
away,—
You better mind yer parunts an' yer
teachers fond and dear,
An' churish them 'at loves you, an' dry
the orphant's tear,
An' he'll pore an' needy ones 'at
clusters all about,
Er the Gobble-uns'll git you
Ef You

Don't
Watch
Out!

Just the other day I was amazed and pleased when a reader brought to mind two other little verses I had learned as a child, one of which I had almost forgotten.

I immediately decided to make sure that my own children learn both of them. I think they are very old and probably quite commonly known, but just in case you are not familiar with them, here they are:

Hearts, like doors, will ope with ease,
To very, very little keys,
And just remember, two of these
Are "Thank you, Sir," and "If you please."

Whenever I was nervous or worried as a little girl, I found this next poem a great comfort:

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so?"

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

The marvelous part about learning little poems, songs, and es-

pecially Scripture verses is that they have a way of embedding themselves into one's heart and mind as in a reservoir and then presenting themselves just when needed. Just the other day our three-and-a-half-year-old Carol came running to me and said, "Mommy, the Bible says, 'Be kind to one another' and Jimmy isn't being kind to me!" Her application of the Scripture was a little misplaced, but she had the principle right anyway.

I have very little patience with Christian educators who insist that a child should never be taught a verse or principle he does not understand. Any sensible mother teaches a child many rules and principles before the child can possibly understand the whys and wherefores of them. We do not wait until a child understands that a car may kill him before we teach him to stay out of the street. Neither should we wait until a child knows a complete system of theology before we teach him that "the wages of sin is death."

The minds of children have unlimited capacity. If we do not fill them with the things that will mold their characters and their eternal destinies, someone else will. What a privilege it is to give our children that wonderful heritage—a rich store of spiritual and sacred wisdom to bring a lifetime of blessing!

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Fields Are White —Will You Help?

By the Editor

It is amazing how God is using our soul-winning literature. Last Sunday morning I visited Olivet Baptist Church in Kansas City. A man came to shake my hand in the men's adult Bible class and said, "Boy, am I glad to meet you! My wife read one of your sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and it set the fires burning in her heart so that she accepted Christ and went forward and claimed Him."

Then later the wife came to tell me how glad she was to meet me. It was my sermon, "Today," in THE SWORD that led her to Christ, she said. And I am persuaded that many others have been saved through sermons in THE SWORD beyond the hundreds who have written us, but who, like this woman, went forward in a church, claimed the Saviour and was baptized, but never let me know about it until we met in person!

Oh, will you help me get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the hands of people who read these evangelistic sermons and find the Saviour?

A week ago I asked my secretary, "How many letters today in this morning's mail from people who have been saved through our literature?" There were three in that mail. Some such letters come nearly every day, and often five or six in a day. More of these are

saved through the twenty-four-page pamphlet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" than through other literature and through sermons in THE SWORD.

I have just had a letter from the executive secretary of the Bolivia Baptist Convention in South America for home mission work. He asked if I could send 5,000 tracts each month to be distributed and used among the Baptist churches and their lost friends. I am writing him that I do not have other tracts in print, but we will send at once 5,000 copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Spanish. In Spanish the tract is larger, takes twenty-nine pages and is more expensive, but I could not turn our brother down. I am so glad that these Christians in South America will be giving this Spanish translation of the booklet God has so greatly blessed to their unsaved loved ones and friends.

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Was it FOR ME He bowed His head,
Upon the cross, and freely shed
His precious blood—that crimson tide,
Was it FOR ME the Saviour died?

It was FOR ME... Yes all FOR ME...
O love of God... so great, so free...
O wondrous love... I'll shout and sing...
He died FOR ME... my Lord and King!

—B. McCall Barbour



By Aunt Mary

My young lady daughters are learning to cook! For years they have sometimes fixed bacon and eggs for breakfast or toasted cheese sandwiches for lunch. But in our Junior High School each girl has a period of cooking class. Even the boys have a few weeks out of their manual training class to learn some basic things about cooking.

One of the things the Junior High School pupils have learned is how to make a casserole. A typical casserole is macaroni and cheese. One day I asked Lloyds Jean to prepare macaroni and cheese for our family supper. So with great ceremony she got out her cooking notebook, read the recipe she had copied in class, got out the ingredients and carefully following the instructions made her casserole.

Dinner time arrived and Lloyds Jean served her casserole with a flourish! Now Mommy and Daddy may be tactful, but younger brothers and sisters seldom are. And they said, "This isn't as good as Mother makes. What is wrong with it?" And the dish was made just as the teacher had instructed.

Another day when Mommy needed to be gone during the

afternoon, thirteen-year-old Lloyds Jean was to fix the dinner. She telephoned Mother and said, "Mom, how do you cook macaroni and cheese?" Now my recipe is made up "in my head," inexact, but we like it! Lloyds Jean listened carefully to my directions, hung up the phone and fixed macaroni and cheese approximately as I would have made it. At supper time boys and girls alike raved, stuffed until every bite was eaten!

What made the difference? Mother's recipe really wasn't any better than the teacher's. The ingredients were nearly the same. The same type of cheese was used and each was properly made. We just like our family recipe.

I remember a holiday time which was darkened by sorrow. I so longed to comfort those most hurt, but when I tried to speak tears rolled out of control. Now that is no way to bring comfort! But for a meal together I made plain macaroni and cheese. I remember crying as I mixed it, feeling that such an everyday task was ridiculous with such sadness in the air. But to those who needed encouragement, a simple, homey dish helped.

Years later I was surprised when that one said, "Mary Lloyds, do you remember that macaroni and cheese you made the year our baby died?" Of course the food wasn't even important. One would have thought at least turkey and

dressings with fruit cake would be required to ease the heartache of the day.

These are family preferences, family traditions, almost. Most families have traditions as to food. People usually have a certain menu every Thanksgiving, for example. I know one family who always bakes waffles on Saturday morning. The children wake early expecting waffles for breakfast. Simple habits add joy to our lives, don't they?

You were born into your family, weren't you? But I hope you have since been born again, into God's family. And I hope as a member of God's family, since He saved you, that there are certain habits in your life, certain family recipes. The Himes family, because we are part of God's family, after supper each night read our Bibles together and pray. The home I grew up in read the Bible and had devotions together after breakfast.

A child of God ought to simply expect to go to Sunday School every Sunday. You should go with joy, not just because it is expected of you, but as a family tradition you enjoy. You might call prayer meeting on Wednesday night the "macaroni and cheese" of your diet. You like it because "we always do it this way."

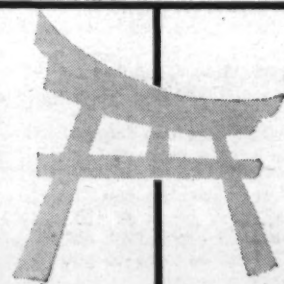
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Roman Catholicism Under the Searchlight

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is handed down from above—from God to the Pope, from the Pope to the priests, and from the priests to the people, who tremble lest they fail to give suitable reverence and obedience to these self-appointed purveyors of divine truth and grace.

While we Protestants rightly fear the consequences of such extreme subjection to an infallible Pope, surely Catholics as individuals have our sympathy and deserve our prayers that they may have the courage to break the shackles of ecclesiastical tyranny. Meanwhile, it behooves all of us to confront facts, however unpleasant, and to make resolute decisions, however difficult or costly.

Statements made by Popes and by Church authorities about the Roman Pontiff are shocking in the extreme to non-Catholic ears. Pope Leo XIII (in an encyclical, June 20, 1894) asserted concerning Popes: "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." In *The Catholic World* we read: "We have no right to ask reasons of the pope, any more than of Almighty God. We are to take with unquestioning docility whatever instruction the pope gives us." That this includes infallible instruction (given openly or otherwise) on how to vote, is clear from a Vatican announcement explicitly stated to be "authoritative," published on page 1 of the *New York Times*, May 18, 1960.

The article bore this heading: VATICAN SAYS CHURCH HAS DUTY TO INTERVENE IN POLITICAL FIELD. Excerpts from the article under dateline of Rome, May 17, are as follows: "Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, declared today that the Roman hierarchy has 'the right and the duty to intervene' in the political field . . . Osservatore Romano made it plain that the pronouncement is valid for Roman Catholic laymen everywhere." The Pope's mouthpiece went on to say: "The Roman Catholic religion commits and guides the entire existence of man."

Thus an infallible Pope has given to the world an unequivocal and up-to-date official statement of the totalitarianism of the Roman Church. With the American scene and the candidacy of Senator Kennedy clearly in view, the Pope's article further stated: "The Catholic may never disregard the teaching and directions of the church, but must inspire his private and public conduct in every sphere of his activities by the laws, instructions and teachings of the hierarchy."

The "hierarchy," in its ultimate rigor, means simply the Pope. Does Senator Kennedy accept the infallibility of the Pope? He certainly does, and, if elected president, he could not reject a demand or instruction from a Church official, acting in the name of the Pope, however inimical it might be to his oath of office, without incurring the dreadful anathemas of the Church. And it cannot with honesty be said that the above possibility is purely hypothetical, since history reveals that various

Popes made the most arbitrary demands upon Emperor Henry IV, Queen Elizabeth of England and many other heads of states, even in recent times (Bettenson, *Documents of the Christian Church*, pp. 142-147).

The lives and actions of many of the Popes suggest anything but infallibility. J. J. von Dollinger, Catholic historian, confesses (in *The Pope and the Council*) that some of the Popes were shamelessly immoral, that Popes John XII and Benedict IX disgraced the office which was bought and sold like a piece of merchandise, and that at length two Popes and then three Popes fought each other for the rights of the tiara. On St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24, 1572, Catholics began a slaughtering of Huguenots which lasted for days. Can you have one particle of belief in the infallibility of Pope Pius V who instigated this crime through the French Court or for Pope Gregory XIII who sang in Rome the *Te Deum* for this monstrous deed? How could one infallible Pope, Eugenius IV (A.D. 1431-1447) condemn Joan of Arc to be burned alive as a witch, while another infallible Pope, Benedict XV, declared her a saint in 1919?

Were Popes Paul V (A.D. 1605-1621) and Urban VIII (A. D. 1623-1644) infallible when they condemned and imprisoned Galileo for stubbornly holding to the view of Copernicus that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system? It is worthy of note that the famous book in which Copernicus set forth his scientific views (1543) was banned by the Pope and the Church until 1758. It took 200 years for papal infallibility to cut a scientific somersault!

The claim of papal infallibility and authority was thus arrogantly stated by Pope Gregory VII: "All princes (rulers and public officials) are to kiss the Pope's foot and to pay that mark of distinction to him alone." What an ignominious prospect—a Roman Catholic, serving as President of the United States, groveling before another human being and kissing his foot! Long after Simon Peter, according to the absurd claim of Catholics, had become a Pope, he rebukingly said to Cornelius who knelt at his feet: "Stand up. I myself also am a man" (Acts 10:26).

If you had been in Rome November 4, 1959, and had witnessed the investiture of the latest Pope, you would have heard these blasphemous words intoned with utmost solemnity as John XXIII was crowned on the central throne in St. Peter's Basilica: "Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art the Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world and the Vicar of our Savior Jesus Christ." What is the significance of the Pope's triple crown? The three crowns mean that the Pope presumes to be the su-

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They Said, "Thank You"!

By Viola Walden, Assistant to the Editor

"Viola, is my mail ready?" are usually my words of greeting each morning! With unread mail in one hand and read mail in the other, I rush to Dr. Rice's office. Most of it has been opened, assorted and digested—if I have had time! And many times I haven't!

These letters are mostly from readers whose hearts have been touched through his ministry. Reports come almost every day from those who have been saved through a gospel message in the paper or from one of some 90 books and pamphlets. Many letters are from pastors, evangelists, missionaries, seeking counsel. Others come from those in trouble because of sin. But many are "thank you" letters for literature which found its way into homes and lodged deep in hearts, and they fail not to thank God for His message found in the material we publish.

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The reading of the foregoing statements is sufficient to cause a revulsion in the soul of any Christian, especially in the light of the very real possibility that the next President of the United States will be a loyal subject of that worldly potentate, the Pontiff of Rome, who claims to be the rightful "Ruler of the world" and that all men are divinely intended to be his abject subjects.

II. A Church That Claims to Be the Only True Church and to Possess All the Truth of Christ, Without Any Admixture of Error

What does the searchlight of truth reveal concerning this preposterous presupposition?

The Faith of Millions by Father John A. O'Brien, with an introduction by Cardinal Dougherty, is a clever book, written specifically to delude and ensnare Protestants who are not well-grounded in history, the teaching of God's Word, or the wiles of Roman Catholic apologists. In common with many other Catholic writers, he lists the four marks of the true church of Christ. I accept the criteria, Father O'Brien! Let us see how the Church of Rome comes out.

The first mark of the true church is *unity of faith*. An intelligent lady, recently converted from Catholicism, stood up in my church to give her testimony. She said: "In the Catholic Church everything is motivated and determined by fear. I was afraid of the priests and fearful for the future. Now everything is motivated by love, and the result is a wonderful new joy, peace and assurance." Catholic unity is compelled, blind, unthinking. Catholics do not need either to *understand* the teachings of the Church or to *believe* them, and many admittedly do neither.

As I witnessed recently to a young man professing to be a Catholic, he said: "There are things in the Catholic Church which I do not believe and other things which I detest." In many lands of Europe and Latin America, long under the avaricious and degrading sway of Rome, millions of people are snubbing their intellectual noses at the Church. Catholic unity is the unity of stagnation, while the unity for which our Lord prayed so earnestly in John 17 is a spiritual unity. True Protestants are interested in the unity of the invisible Body of Christ, while Roman Catholics stress an ecclesiastical unity that is formal, superficial and unspiritual.

Another mark of the true church, says Father O'Brien, is *catholicity*. Catholic means universal or world-wide. Are not Protestant and Orthodox (Greek and Eastern) forms of Christianity to be found just as universally on the earth as is Roman Catholicism? Closely related to catholicity is the claim of *continuity*. Catholic teachers point with pride to the list of Popes reaching back to Peter, which is imagined to be proof of the continuity of Christ's Church with the Church of Rome today. During the early centuries bishops and priests alike were called "papa" (Latin), translated Pope or father, just exactly as priests today are called "father."

All reputable historians agree that, for more than 500 years after the time of Christ, no person presumed to exercise *authority over the entire Church*, or to be *Pope* with its modern connotation.

At the end of the fifth century Gregory I (A.D. 590-604) spurned the title of universal or ecumenical bishop, and wrote these scorching words: "St. Peter is not called Universal Apostle (in the Scriptures) . . . But far from Christian hearts be that blasphemous name . . . I confidently affirm that who so calls himself or desires to be called Universal Priest, in his pride goes before Antichrist."

Thus this bishop recognized and deprecated the rising spirit of Antichrist in the Church.

A third mark of the true church is *sanctity*. I do not question the morals of Catholics generally, and I readily agree that some beautiful souls have blossomed in the Catholic Church, like lilies on the bosom of a fetid swamp. But the seriousness of the issue calls for an assessment of the facts, and Father O'Brien cannot object to his church's being judged by the criteria he himself has chosen.

Is it accidental that a very large proportion of tavern owners are attached to the Catholic Church? I have in my files a picture of a Catholic priest

blessing a tavern on the occasion of its grand opening. Attention was called earlier to the licentiousness and venality of some of the Popes. Catholic writers have joined others in making strictures upon church and priests. Karl Adam, well-known Catholic writer, frankly admits: "Morally corrupt believers, bad priests, bishops and Popes—they are the open festering wounds that will not heal in the body of the mystical Christ (the Church)." In his *Nature of the Church*, p. 261, Adam pointedly refers to the many "tragical sins of Rome."

Much has been written about the corruptions prevalent in lands, such as those of Latin America, which have long been under the domination of the Church of Rome. And, aside from all other considerations, how can *sanctity* be attached to a Church which has such a long and bloody record of inquisitions and persecutions?

The last mark of the true church is *apostolicity*. The Church's first three claims have already been discredited. Is it true or false that the teachings of the Roman Church are identical with those of the apostles and Christ as found in the New Testament? *The voice of history* insists that many Catholic dogmas are accretions that came out of paganism into the Church centuries after the era of the apostles. Space permits only a cursory look at several of these developments.

1. *Mariology*. The idea that Mary was immaculate or sinless is preposterous. In the Gospels she is pictured as a simple peasant girl, who, by her own words, recognized her need of a Saviour: "My Spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour" (Luke 1:47). But today, in the thinking and praying of Catholics, Mary often usurps the place of Christ Himself.

How did such an amazing change take place? During the early centuries, especially after Constantine became "converted" and church membership became popular, large numbers of pagans readily turned "Christian." In their heathen cults these people commonly had a god and a goddess, the latter being the more prominent. In the cult of Cybele (female) and Attis (male), for instance, Cybele was called "Mother of the gods." In certain cults the goddess was known as "Queen of Heaven." These unconverted heathen picked on Mary as the most likely candidate, transformed her into a goddess and called her by the heathen titles, "Mother of God" and "Queen of Heaven." This was one of the tragic steps in the paganization of the Church.

2. *Baptismal regeneration*. These same people in their heathen religions observed certain ceremonial lustrations which supposedly had cleansing powers. Thus by pagan infusion the simple rite of baptism was transformed into a ceremony with magical properties of cleansing from sin.

3. *Transubstantiation*. Similarly, these people in their pagan cults were accustomed to eat a sacramental meal, in which they supposedly partook of their god or goddess. This general idea is still found in primitive religion.

In the mountains of Burma I saw a young hunter seize a wounded monkey, slash its throat and drink its blood. When I inquired as to the reason for this gory act, he replied: "To get into me the life and potency of the god in the monkey." Thus, by pagan infusion again, the beautiful memorial of the Lord's Supper was transformed into the eating and drinking of the God of the Christians.

And many other tragic changes took place which I cannot now trace. This process of paganization transformed the spiritual church of primitive times into the worldly, corrupt system known to history as the Church of Rome. Further light on these significant developments may be secured from Willoughby's *Pagan Regeneration* and from reliable books of history, such as those by Gibbon, Macaulay, Angus, Lecky and Case.

If Christ should return to the earth in the near future to reign and to judge, He could not possibly recognize the Roman Church as the church He founded. So vast indeed is the contrast between Christ's true church and the Roman Church that our Lord would be compelled to denounce it as the Great Counterfeit and to say to millions deceived by Rome: "I never knew you. Depart from me" (Matt. 7:23).

III. A Church That Professes to Have Divine and Exclusive Power to Absolve Sins

Catholics claim that Peter was the first Pope, that the church of Christ was founded on Peter personally, and that Christ gave to Peter extraordinary power, both spiritual and temporal. What are the facts, as over against their fancies?

1. Neither Christ nor the disciples ever called Peter a pope or treated him like one. On the contrary, both Christ (Matt. 16:23) and Paul (Gal. 2:11) openly rebuked Peter.

2. There is no record of any person coming to Peter, or to any other apostle, confessing his sins and receiving absolution. Peter understood, as Origen emphasized later, that "the keys" simply meant the *message of the Gospel* which would open the door of access to the kingdom.

3. That Peter had no unique position or powers was stressed by the early Church Fathers. Tertullian about the year 200 A.D. (in his treatise, *On* (Continued on page 7).

Spurgeon on Holy Spirit Power

"If we do not have the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, to nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them, and say, 'God have mercy on us!' If you ministers have not the Spirit of God, you had better not preach, and you people had better stay at home. I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing.

If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are as a tree bearing no fruit standing where another fruitful tree might grow. This is a solemn work; the Holy Spirit or nothing, and worse than nothing. Death and condemnation to a church that is not yearning after the Spirit, and crying and groaning until the Spirit has wrought mightily in her midst.

He is here; He has never gone back since He descended at Pentecost. He is grieved and vexed for He is peculiarly jealous and sensitive, and the one sin never forgiven has to do with His blessed person; therefore let us be very tender toward Him, walk humbly before Him, wait on Him very earnestly, and resolve that there should be nothing knowingly continued which should prevent Him dwelling in us, and being with us henceforth and forever. Brethren, peace be unto you and your spirit!"

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Modesty) explicitly denied that Peter could forgive sins. Cyprian about the year 240 (in his *On the Unity of the Church*) declared: "Assuredly the rest of the apostles were also the same as Peter, endowed with a like partnership both of honor and power."

4. Of all the early Church Fathers, not one held that the church was founded on Peter personally. Some held that it was founded on Peter's confession. Others, including the eminent theologian Augustine, insisted that the church was founded on Christ. In connection with his sermon on Matthew 16:18, Augustine (*An Augustine Synthesis*, p. 226) quoted Christ as saying in effect to Peter: "Upon Myself, the Son of the Living God, will I build my Church." If Christ had meant that he was going to build His Church on Peter, He would have said: "Thou art Peter and on thee I will build my Church." Instead He said: "Thou art Petros (a small rock) and on this Petra (Foundation Rock—Myself) I will build my church." In I Corinthians 10:4 Paul explicitly states: "Christ is the rock (Petra)."

5. The Catholic claim of sin-forgiving power rests upon a serious mistranslation of the verb forms in John 20:23, Matthew 16:19 and 18:18, where the Greek perfect tense is translated as if it were present tense. Translated correctly, John 20:23 reads as follows: "Whose soever sins you forgive, they have been forgiven [perfect tense, passive]; whose soever sins ye retain, they have

been retained [perfect tense, passive]." According to the unanimous testimony of all Greek scholars, the perfect tense pictures a past or antecedent action, the result of which still stands. Christ was not giving the disciples authority to forgive sins. He was warning them that they could not declare as forgiven any sins except those which God, by antecedent action, had already forgiven.

It is extremely important to realize that, in the actual thought and statement of Christ, the forgiving or binding on earth is not antecedent to, hence resulting in, the forgiving (or binding) in Heaven. On the contrary, the forgiving of sins by God in Heaven is antecedent to any human assertion on the matter. Forgiving sins is God's business, and no person on earth has authority from Christ to say, as Catholic priests are constantly saying: "Ego absolvo te—I absolve you." No disciple of Christ ever said anything remotely resembling that blasphemous statement. Peter distinctly told the sorcerer (Acts 8:22) to "repent" and "pray to God" for forgiveness.

Roman Catholicism goes to fantastic extremes in exalting the power of the priests. Every time the priest utters the magical words, Christ is victimized or crucified over again. Thus Christ is crucified afresh four times every second in Catholic churches around the world. The priest's omnipotent power is thus described by Father John O'Brien in *The Priesthood—a Divine Institution*:

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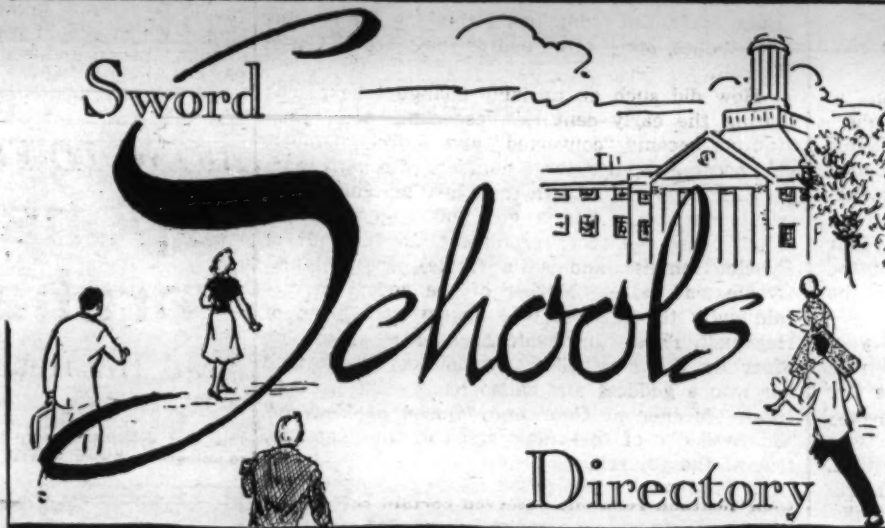
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"When the priest pronounces the tremendous words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens, brings Christ down from His throne and places Him upon the altar to be offered up again as the victim for the sins of man."

Even more extravagant, if possible, is the language of St. Alphonsus of Liguori in his well-known book, *The Dignity and Duties of the Priest*: "The priest may be called the creator of his Creator. For when the priest says, 'Hoc est corpus meum,' the bread is no longer bread but the body of Jesus Christ . . . The transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world . . . He that created gave me the power to create Him, and He that created me without me is Himself created by me." Surely blasphemy could never exceed that!

IN CONCLUSION

Roman Catholicism, under the searchlight of truth is, as we have seen, something far removed from the picture drawn by Catholic writers who are far more concerned to glorify Mother Church than to present the facts. Of all "the tragical sins of Rome," none is quite so heinous as the utter denial of Christ's principle of love which is inherent in the principle of intolerance and persecution as taught and practiced historically by the Roman Church. The two principles are absolutely contradictory and mutually exclusive. One is of Christ, the other is of Satan.

The eminent historian, Lord Macaulay (in his *Essay on Sir James Macintosh*), gave this brilliant summary of the Church of Rome's attitude toward non-Catholics, which is still accurate and valid:

I am in the right and you are in the wrong. When you are the stronger, you ought to tolerate me, for it is your duty to tolerate truth. But when I am the stronger, I shall persecute you, for it is my duty to persecute error.

After describing the terrible record of persecution by the Catholic Church, the reputable historian, Lecky, concludes (*Rise and Influence of Rationalism in Europe*, vol. ii, pp. 32-39) with this unimpeachable indictment: "When we consider these things, it can surely be no exaggeration to say that the Church of Rome has inflicted a greater amount of unmerited suffering than any other religion that has ever existed among mankind."

Many non-Catholics have been lulled into a state of complacency by the oft-repeated assertion that the principle of repression and persecution has been renounced by the Roman Church. That this is untrue is crystal clear from the following considerations.

First, no official statement to this effect has been issued from the highest Catholic sources. When Father O'Brien in LOOK, February 16, 1960, asserted that the Catholic Church will always be loyal to the principle of strict State-Church separation, he was giving nothing but a personal opinion. Did you observe that neither before nor since publication has O'Brien's article been given one scintilla of official support from the Pope?

Second, the Church has continued to assert both its right and duty to persecute all those she calls "heretics." Earlier quotations corroborate this, as do quotations below. In 1953 Pope Pius XII (whom Senator Kennedy described as an "astute scholar and teacher") said: "What is not in accord with the truth [Roman Catholicism] has objectively no right to existence, propagation or action."

The *Shepherd of the Valley*, Catholic paper published in St. Louis, forthrightly declares: "If Catholics ever gain a sufficient numerical majority in this country (U.S.), religious freedom is at an end."

Third, the Catholic Church boasts that she is

infallible and unchangeable. "Rome never changes" is her well-known motto. Precisely like Fascism, Communism and other totalitarian systems, Roman Catholicism tones down her real intentions until she gains control of a country. Diabolic intentions are not advertised in advance. They are well camouflaged.

Fourth, the practice of persecution by the Roman Church, whenever and wherever she has had the power, has never ceased. Indeed such practice is as up-to-date as the second half of the twentieth century.

Newsweek, September 12, 1960, seeking to explain the intense opposition of Protestant clergymen to the election of a Catholic as president, stated: "Among other things, they feel, with considerable justification, that their missionaries are persecuted in such countries as Spain and Colombia."

These recent persecutions, in Colombia alone, always led or at least instigated by the priests, have destroyed 66 Protestant churches, closed 200 Protestant schools, murdered 115 Protestant believers, and subjected many thousands of Christians to cruel injustices. For the sake of the record, did the Cardinal and the Bishop order the persecutions stopped and punish the offenders? They did not. Did the Pope in Rome speak out openly against these crimes, express deep repentance on behalf of the Church, and make restitution to those Christian families and church groups that had been so severely wronged? His silence and failure in these respects speak volumes as to his own character and that of the Church he rules.

Thomas Aquinas, the acknowledged peer of Catholic theologians and teachers, has much to say on the right and duty of persecution, including the following (*Summa Theologica*, vol. II, p. 1,226): "With regard to heretics, there is the sin whereby they deserve not only to be separated from the Church by excommunication, but also to be separated from the world by death."

Pope Pius IX wrote:

You ask, if the Pope were lord of this land and you were in a minority, what would he do to you? That, we say, would entirely depend upon circumstances. If it would benefit the cause of Catholicism, he would tolerate you; if expedient, he would imprison or banish you; probably he might hang you. But be assured of one thing: he would never tolerate you for the sake of your glorious principles of civil and religious liberty.

That is clear and terrible enough, is it not? And *The Catholic World*, July, 1944, proclaims the permanence of this and other Catholic teaching: "The Church cannot change her teachings." The *Catholic Encyclopedia*, put out under careful Church control, has numerous statements of similar import to the following: "Heretics may be not only excommunicated, but also justly put to death."

Roman Catholicism under the searchlight turns out to be the church described prophetically in God's Word as a wicked city, characterized by enormous wealth and worldly pomp (Rev. 18:16), and as a wicked woman, "the mother of harlots and of abominations" (Rev. 17:5), seated on the seven hills of Rome (Rev. 17:9); whose "sins have reached even unto heaven" (Rev. 18:5) and whose hands are stained with the blood of myriads of martyrs, "the blood of prophets and of saints . . . slain upon the earth" (Rev. 18:24).

The blood of our forefathers who suffered to establish this great Christian nation and of the martyrs who through the centuries died for the Christian faith, cries out to us. May we so respond, as we pray and labor and vote, that we may be accounted worthy "to follow in their train" and to receive the accolade of Christ, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

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They Said, "Thank You"!

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saved, but it made the way of salvation plain to me."—M/Sgt. and Mrs. Laren Cranage.

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Dear Mr. S. Jones of Prospect Park, Pennsylvania, recently lost his wife after forty-six years of marriage. It was a terrific blow to him and his two daughters. A friend loaned him a copy of Dr. Rice's book on *Heaven* and he wrote to say: "The most comforting thing that has happened since her death was the privilege of reading your book *Bible Facts About Heaven*. A dear friend loaned us a copy. This has been such a help to all of us that I would like very much to procure a copy of my own . . ."

Three Families Found Christ Through Japanese "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

The American Tract Society sent on to us the following letter from Leo Serian in charge of the tract department of the First Baptist Church in New York. The letter read in part:

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Family of Catholics Converted Through "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

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The following strange letter has come:

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Then her husband H. C. who was sent a subscription to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and the booklet on *Divorce* writes: "Your booklet has been a wonderful help to me. With it and the help of the Lord I am happy to inform you that my wife is not divorcing me and I am sure that with Jesus as our guide we can continue our fine home and will find all the happiness that we have longed for . . ."

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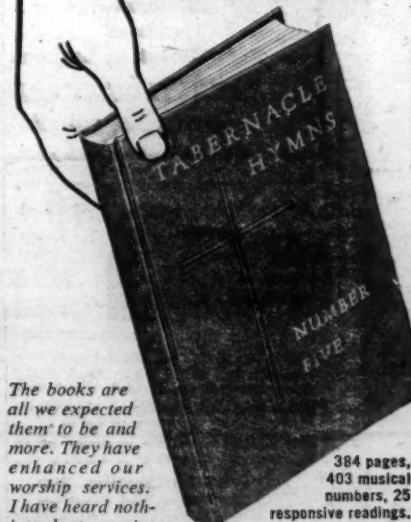
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The Three Crosses

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"Wretch that I am, whither shall I fly from this breast? What will become of me? Oh, that I were to lie upon the fire that never is quenched, a thousand years, to purchase the favor of God and to be reconciled to Him again! Oh, eternity! Oh, eternity! Who can discover the abyss of eternity? Who can paraphrase these words: forever and forever? Oh, the insufferable pangs of Hell!"

That right-hand cross—thousands have perished on it, yea, in worse agonies. For what is physical pain compared with remorse at the last that life has been wasted, and only a fleeting moment stands between the soul and its everlasting overthrow? O, God, let me die anywhere rather than at the foot of that right-hand cross. Let not one drop of that blood fall upon my cheek. Rend not my ear with that cry. I see it now as never before—the loathsomeness and horror of my unbelief. That dying malefactor was not so much to blame as I. Christianity was not established, and perhaps not until that day had that man heard the Christ. But after Christ has stood almost nineteen centuries, working the wonders of His grace, you reject Him.

That right-hand cross, with its long beam, overshadows all the earth. It is planted in the heart of the race. When the time comes, the Spirit of God shall, with its ax, hew down that right-hand cross, until it shall fall at the foot of that middle cross; and unbelief, the railing malefactor of the world, shall perish from all our hearts. Away from me, thou spirit of unbelief! I hate thee! With this sword of God I thrust thee back and thrust thee through. Down to Hell; down, most accursed monster of the earth, and talk to the millions thou hast already damned. Talk no longer to these sons of God, these heirs of Heaven.

"If thou be the Son of God," Was there any "if" about it? Tell me, thou star, that in robe of light did run to point out His birthplace. Tell me, thou sea, that didst put thy hand over thy lip when He bid thee be still. Tell me, ye dead who got up to see Him die. Tell me, thou sun in mid-Heaven, who for Him didst pull down over thy face the veil of darkness. Tell me, ye lepers, who were cleansed; ye dead, who were raised, is He the Son of God? Aye, aye! responds the universe.

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The flowers breathe it—the stars chime it—the redeemed celebrate it—the angels rise up on their thrones to announce it. And yet on that miserable malefactor's "if" millions shall be wrecked for all eternity. That little "if" is the little insect which has enough venom in its sting to cause the death of the soul. No "if" about it. I know it. *Ecce Deus!* I feel it thoroughly—through every muscle of the body, and through every faculty of my mind, and through every energy of my soul. Living, I will preach it; dying, I will pillow my head upon its consolations. Jesus the God!

Away, then, from this right-hand cross. The red berries of the forest are apt to be poisonous, and around this tree of carnage grow the red, poisonous berries of which millions have tasted and died. I can see no use for this right-hand cross, except it be used as a lever with which to upturn the unbelief of the world. Here from the right-hand cross I go to the left. Pass clear to the other side. That victim also twists himself upon the nails to look at the center cross—yet not to scoff. It is to worship. He, too, would like to get his hand loose, not to smite but to deliver the sufferer of the middle cross. He cries to the railer cursing on the other side, "Silence! between us is innocence in agony. We suffer for our crimes. Silence!"

Oh, ye people, be not afraid. Bitter herbs are sometimes a tonic for the body, and the bitter aloes that grow on this tree shall give strength and life to thy soul. This left-hand cross is a *repenting cross*. As men who have been nearly drowned tell us that in one moment, while they were under the water, their whole life passed before them, so I suppose that in one moment the dying malefactor thought over all his past life. Of that night when he went into an unguarded door and took the silver, the gold, the jewels; and as the sleeper stirred, he put a knife through his heart. Of that day when, in the lonely pass, he met the wayfarer, and regardless of the cries, and prayers, and tears, and struggles of his victim, flung the mangled corpse in the dust of the highway, or heaped upon it the stones. He says, "Oh, I am a guilty wretch. I deserve this. There is no need of my cursing. That will not stop the pain. There is no need of blaspheming Christ, for He has done me no wrong; and yet I cannot die so. The tortures of my body are outdone by the tortures of my soul. The past is a scene of misdoing. The present a crucifixion. The future an everlasting undoing."

"Come back, thou hiding mid-day sun! Kiss my cheek with one bright ray of comfort. What! no help from above—no help from beneath? Then I must turn to my companion in sorrow, the one on the middle cross. I have heard that He knows how to help a man when he is in trouble. I have heard that He can cure the wounded. I have heard how He can pardon the sinner. Surely, in all His wanderings up and down the earth He never saw one more in need of His forgiveness. Wilt Thou look for the moment away from Thy own pangs to pity me? Lord, it is not to have my hands relieved or my feet taken from the torture. I can stand all this; but oh, my sins! my sins! my sins! they pierce me through and through. They tell me I must die forever. They will push me out into the darkness unless Thou wilt help. I confess it all. Hear the cry of the dying thief. Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. I ask no great things. I seek for no throne in Heaven—no chariot to take me to the skies; but just think of me when this day's horrors have passed. Think of me a little—of me, the one now hanging at Thy side. When the shout of heavenly welcome takes Thee back into glory, Thou wilt not forget me, wilt Thou? Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom—only just remember me."

Likewise must we repent. You say, "I have stolen nothing." I reply, we have all been guilty of the mightiest felony of the universe, for we have robbed God—robbed Him of our time, robbed Him of our talents, robbed Him of our services.

Suppose you send a man west as an agent of your firm, and

every month you pay him his salary, and at the end of ten years you find out that he has been serving another firm, but taking your salary. Would you not at once condemn him as dishonest? God sent us into the world to serve Him. He has given us wages all the time. One-half of us have been serving another master. When a man is convicted of treason, he is brought out. A regiment confronts him, and the command is given, "Attention, company! Take aim! Fire!" And the man falls with a hundred bullets through his heart. There come times in a man's history when the Lord calls up the troop of his iniquities, and at God's command they pour into him a concentrated volley of torture.

You say, "I don't feel myself to be a sinner." That may be. Walk along by the cliffs and you see sunlight and flowers at the mouth of the cave, and a chandelier of stalactite near the opening of the cave. But take a torch and go in, and before you have gone far you see the flashing eye of a wild beast, or hear the hiss of a serpent. So the world seems in the sunlight of worldliness. But as I wave the torch of God's truth, and go down into the deep cavern of the heart—alas! for the bristling horrors and the rattling fangs.

Have you ever noticed the climax in this passage of Scripture, "The heart is deceitful"? That seems enough. But the passage goes on and says, "The heart is deceitful above all things!" Will you not say that is enough? But the passage goes further and says: "The heart is deceitful above all things AND DESPERATELY WICKED." If we could see the true condition of the unpardoned before God, what wringing of hands there would be, what a thousand-voiced shriek of supplication and despair! But you are a sinner, a sinner. I speak not to the person who sits next to you, but to you. You are a sinner. All the transgressions of a lifetime have been gathered up into an avalanche. At any moment it may slip from the cliffs and crush you forever. May the Lord Almighty, by His grace, help us to repent of our sins while repentance is possible.

This left-hand cross was a believing cross. There was no guesswork in that prayer; no "if" in that supplication. The left-hand cross flung itself at the foot of the middle cross, expecting mercy. Faith is only just opening the hand to take what Christ offers us. The work is all done, the bridge is built strong enough for all of us to walk over. Tap not at the door of God's mercy with the tip of your fingers; but as a warrior, with gauntleted fists, beats at the castle gate, so, with all the aroused energies of our souls, let us pound at the gate of Heaven. That gate is locked. You go to it with a bunch of keys. You try philosophy: that will not open it. You try good works: that will not open it. A large door generally has a ponderous key. I take the Cross and place the foot of it in the socket of the lock, and by the two arms of the Cross I turn the lock and the door opens.

This left-hand cross was a *pardoning cross*. The crosses were only two or three yards apart. It did not take long for Christ to hear. Christ might have turned away, and said, "How darest thou speak to me, I am the Lord of Heaven and earth. I have seen your violence. When you struck down that man in the darkness, I saw you. You are getting a just reward—die in darkness—die forever." But Jesus said not so, but rather, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." As much as to say, "I see you there; don't worry. I will not only bear my cross, but help you with yours."

Forthwith the left-hand cross becomes the abode of contentment. The pillow of the malefactor, soaked in blood, becomes like the crimson upholstery of a king's couch. When the body became still, and the surgeons feeling the pulse said one to another, "He is dead," the last mark of pain had gone from his face. Peace had smoothed his forehead; peace closed his eyes; peace closed his lips. Now you see why there were two transverse pieces on the cross, for it has become a ladder into the skies. That dying head is easy which has under it the promise, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Ye whose lips have

been filled with blasphemy, ye whose hands for many years have wrought unrighteousness, ye who have companioned with the unclean, ye who have scaled every height of transgression, and fathomed every depth, and passed every extreme of iniquity—mercy! mercy!

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

I have shown you the right-hand cross and the left-hand cross. Now come to the middle cross. We stood at the one and found it yielded poison. We stood at the other and found it yielded bitter aloes. Come now to the middle cross, and shake down apples of love. Uncover your head. You never saw so tender a scene as this. You may have seen father, or mother, or companion, or child die, but never so affecting a scene as this. The railing thief looked from one way and saw only the right side of Christ's face. The penitent thief looked from the other way and saw the left side of Christ's face. But where you sit, in the full blaze of Gospel, you see Christ's full face.

It was a *suffering cross*. If the weapons of torture had gone only through the fatty portions of the body, the torture would not have been so great, but they went through the hands, and feet, and temples; the most sensitive portions. It was not only the spear that went into His side, but the sins of all the race—a thousand spears—plunge after plunge, deeper and deeper, until the silence and composure that before characterized Him gave way to a groan, through which rumbled the sorrows of time and the woes of eternity. Human hate had done its worst, and Hell had hurled its sharpest javelin, and devils had vented their hottest rage when, with every nerve of His body in torture, and every fiber of His heart in excruciation, He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

It was a *vicarious cross*. The right-hand cross suffered for itself; the left-hand cross for itself; but the middle cross for you. When a king was dying, a young man cried, "Pour my blood into

his veins, that he die not." The veins of the young man were tapped, and the blood transferred; so that the King lived, but the young man died. Christ saw the race perishing. He cried, "Pour my blood into their veins, that they die not."

My hand is free now because Christ's was crushed. My brow is painless now because Christ's was torn. My soul escapes because Christ's was bound. I gain Heaven because Christ for me endured the horrors of Hell. When the Swiss, many years ago, were contending against their enemies standing in solid phalanx, they knew not how to break their ranks. But one of their heroes rushed out in front of his regiment and shouted, "Make way for liberty!" The weapons of the enemy were plunged into his heart, but while they were slaying him their ranks, of course, were broken, and through that gap the Swiss marched to victory. Christ saw all the powers of darkness assailing men. He cried out, "Make way for the redemption of the world." All the weapons of infernal wrath struck Him, but as they struck Him our race marched out free.

To this middle cross, my dying hearers, look, that your souls may live. I showed you the right-hand cross in order that you might see what an awful thing it is to be unbelieving. I showed you the left-hand cross that you might see what it is to repent. Now I show you the middle cross that you may see what Christ has done to save your soul. Poets have sung its praise, and sculptors have attempted to commemorate it in marble, and martyrs have clung to it in

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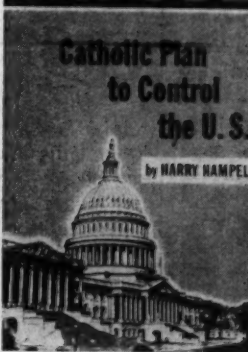
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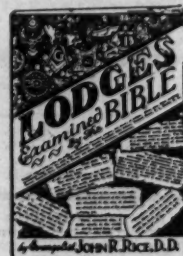
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the fire, and Christians dying quietly in their beds leaned their heads against it. May all our souls embrace it with an ecstasy of affection.

Lay hold of that cross, oh, dying sinner. Everything else will fail you. Without a strong grip of that you perish. Put your hand on that and you are safe, through a world swing from beneath your feet. Oh that I might engrave on your souls ineffaceably the three crosses. And that if in your waking moments you will not heed, then that in

your dream tonight you might see on the hill back of Jerusalem the three spectacles—the right-hand cross showing unbelief and dying without Christ, the left-hand showing what it is to be pardoned; while the central cross pours upon your soul the sunburst of Heaven as it says, "By all these wounds I plead for thy heart, I have loved

thee with an everlasting love. Rivers cannot quench it. The floods cannot drown it!"

While you look, the right-hand cross will fade out of sight; and then the left will be gone. Nothing will remain but the middle cross, and even that in your dream will begin to change until it becomes a throne, and the worn face of Calvary will become radiant with gladness; and instead of the mad mob at the foot of the cross will be a multitude kneeling. And you and I will be among them. God grant it.

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God has laid upon me as an editor and evangelist a burden in defense of the faith, in stirring revival fires, in condemning worldliness and modernism. Sometimes, as Paul rebuked Peter openly before all (Gal. 2), or as Paul named publicly Phygellus and Hermogenes, and Demas, who forsook Paul, "having loved this present world," I must show where Christian men have gone wrong lest they should lead hundreds or thousands of other Christians into sin and worldliness and compromise. For all this, necessarily, I must suffer some reproach of Christ and the Bible. I must obey the plain command of God to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2).

So, humbly, I ask the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD that they "be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (I Tim. 1:8). It took the same blood of Christ to keep you out of Hell as it took to save me. You have just the same command that you should "earnestly contend for the faith" as I have. The "reproach of Christ" ought to be your concern as much as this editor's. Will you "strive together with us" for the faith of the Gospel? Will you back us up with love and prayers and understanding and subscriptions and gifts?

Ways You Can Help

A noble Christian layman, a godly soul-winning brother, has just asked us to ship 10,000 copies of the Spanish edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to a missionary in South America, and send him the bill. The printing and mailing costs will probably be over \$200. That is real help for which surely the dear Lord will repay. One noble Christian recently sent subscriptions again and again, a total of about 170 subscriptions, that he paid for within a few short weeks. That is the kind of help one can and ought to give to this paper, which has been so blessed of God in the 26 years of ministry.

Yesterday we received from a noble soul winner and long-time friend of THE SWORD a check for \$100.00, which goes to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to preachers and missionaries, ministerial students, preachers in foreign lands who read English but cannot send money for THE SWORD. That is a great help.

Others send gifts for our "Voice of Revival" radio broadcast.

There is work for all of us to do. There is a load for all of us to lift. Will you help us? Perhaps the greatest help is in sending subscriptions.

You will note that the burdens we mentioned are burdens that all of us should help to carry.

Some should put Sword of the Lord Foundation in their will, and thus see that the work of the Lord will be carried on after their death. Others should send sacrificial and loving offerings now to help in this great work. Yesterday

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Searching the Scriptures

Galatians 1 Only One Gospel

Clues Across

- 1 "for _____ I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ"
- 3 "though we, or an angel from heaven preach _____ other gospel"
- 6 "that I might _____ him among the heathen"
- 11 the first name of Thaddaeus, the disciple of Jesus (Matt. 10:3)
- 13 a persistent pain
- 14 initials of two of Hosea's daughters, whose names meant "un-pitied" and "pitied" (Hosea 1:6; 2:1)
- 15 "Grace be _____ you and peace"
- 16 "I _____ crucified with Christ" Gal. 2
- 17 New Testament name for the tribe of Asher (Rev. 7:6)
- 19 "that he might deliver us from _____ present evil world"
- 20 "If _____ man preach any other gospel unto you"
- 21 "But _____ of the apostles saw I none"
- 24 initials of two names given the same sea (John 6:1)
- 26 the lot (Esther 9:24)
- 27 "As _____ said before, so say I now again"
- 28 "Some that trouble you, and would pervert the _____ of Christ"
- 30 man who took care of David's camels (I Chron. 27:30)
- 32 initials of two kings (Prov. 31:1; Isaiah 6:1)
- 33 small town which defeated Israel (Josh. 7)
- 34 "and I went into _____, and returned again unto Damascus"
- 37 television (abbr.)
- 39 "For _____ I now persuade men, or God?"
- 41 the children of Sheshan (I Chron. 2:31)
- 42, 59 "any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, _____ him be _____"
- 44 "to see Peter, and abode with _____ fifteen days"
- 46 printers' measures
- 47 the son of Seth (Luke 3:38)
- 49 "lest I _____ mine own inheritance" Ruth 4
- 51 father of one of the families of the Simeonites (Num. 26:16)
- 53 prophet who anointed David king (I Sam. 16:13)
- 54 "The children of Lod, Hadid, and _____" Neh. 7:37
- 57 initials of two priests (II Kings 16:15; I Sam. 1:9)
- 58 "To whom _____ glory for ever and ever"
- 59 see 42 across

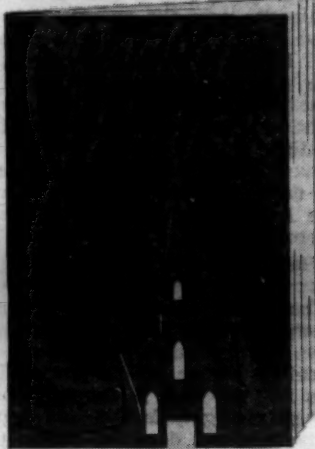
Clues Down

- 1 "seven other kine came up after _____ them out of the river, _____ favoured" Gen. 41
- 2 initials of two friends who helped Paul (I Cor. 16:17; Acts 19:22)
- 3 "who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are _____" I Cor. 10
- 4 "_____ is the way, which leadeth unto life" Matt. 7
- 5 "I marvel that _____ are so soon removed from him that called you"
- 6 initials of three friends of Paul (Gal. 1:18; Acts 16:25; Philem. 10)
- 7 "in lowliness of mind let _____ esteem other better" Phil. 2
- 8 initials of two brothers, one slain by the other (Gen. 4:8)
- 9 "While they behold your _____ conversation coupled with fear" I Pet. 3
- 10 "and besought him that they might only touch the _____ of his garment" Matt. 14
- 12 state of which, Salt Lake City is the capital
- 17 son of Coz (I Chron. 4:8)
- 18 "Afterwards I came into the regions of _____ and Cilicia"
- 19 "but there be some that _____ you, and would pervert the gospel"
- 20 "Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were _____ before me"
- 22 a son of Ishmael (Gen. 25:15)
- 23 a wife of King David (II Sam. 3:5)
- 25 "And they _____ God in me"
- 29 "That we should be to the _____ of his glory, who first trusted in Christ" Eph. 1
- 31 "and bored a hole in the _____" II Kings 12
- 35 "In _____ was there a voice heard, lamentation" Matt. 2
- 36 "And God said unto Moses, _____ that I am" Exod. 3 (two words)
- 38 a vein
- 40 "_____ that my words were now written!" Job 19
- 43 "And laid it in his own new _____" Matt. 27
- 45 the father of a fearless prophet of God (II Chron. 18:7)
- 48 "if any man will _____ thee at the law, and take away thy coat" Matt. 5
- 50 a large, mythical bird
- 52 a garden herb (Luke 11:42)
- 55 initials of prophet who rebuked David and man whom he wronged (II Sam. 12:1; 11:15)
- 56 "_____ do I seek to please men?"

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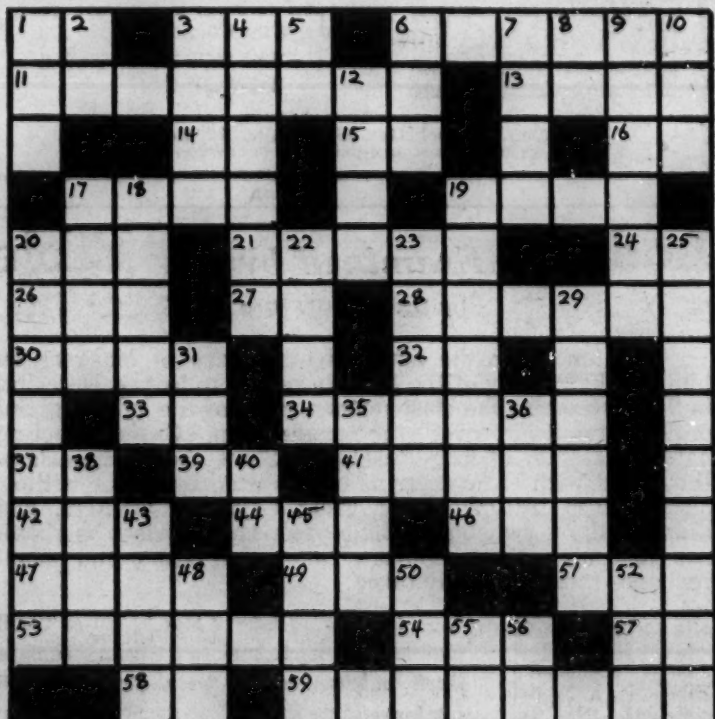
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Forgiveness of Sins

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doubted that their sins, past, present and future, according to God's Holy Word, were absolutely and completely forgiven. I say that because there are some people who do not believe that you can know beyond any shadow of a doubt, that your sins, all of them, have been eternally and divinely forgiven.

What does the Bible say? There are two verses, one in Ephesians and one in Colossians. Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14 are just identical except for one expression. Colossians 1:14 says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: . . ." Ephesians 1:7 reads, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; . . ."

Paul, in writing to these two churches, said, "We have in him and through his redemption, forgiveness of sin."

I know that fact, I know right now, more than I know anything else, that all of my sins, the ones I have already committed, the ones I may commit, all of them according to the riches of His grace, have been absolutely and entirely forgiven me. All of them, past and future, have been forgiven me; and in Christ Jesus, according to the Bible, I have eternal forgiveness of sin.

I want you to see three things, whether you are saved or lost, about the forgiveness of sins: 1. The basis of it. 2. Completeness of it. 3. The manner of it.

The Basis of Forgiveness

Now, you know, there is a reason why God can forgive me and you of our sins. The Bible says that God shall by no means pardon the guilty. Every one of us is guilty. There is not a person that is not guilty before God. The Bible paints a horrible picture of this guilt. It says, "In the flesh there dwells no good thing." It says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It says, "There is none righteous; no, not one!" Now, as you are, apart from Jesus, there is not a good man or good woman in all the world according to the Bible. You may think so, but God says there is none righteous. No, not one! The Bible says all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God.

When God looks at you, He sees you not as your loved ones and your friends see you, but He pulls off all the covering and veneer and looks into the innermost pollution of your soul; and God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it." God puts one big blanket of condemnation over all the world and says the whole world has sinned. Then, the Bible says, "Let every mouth be stopped, and the whole world become guilty before God." You are a sinner before Him.

How can God forgive sins of a person like us. How is it? There must be a basis. If a child does wrong and is brought before his parents, only a wicked, weakling of a parent would say, with no basis, no punishment, "That's all right, Son; think no more of it. You are forgiven." What kind of a generation of children would that produce? Now, a Holy God, the Bible says, is of purer eyes to behold sin and cannot look upon iniquity. Put here a Holy God, a God of Light, a God of Justice, a God of Infinite Purity and put over there you and I who are sinners, and who are corrupt, and vile, human, wavered and weak. Here is a Holy God. How can you bring these two together? What basis is there, according to the Bible, for God to say, "Thy sins are forgiven"? How can that be true?

The problem is expressed in Romans 3:26, " . . . That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." How can He be just and the justifier of him that believeth?

Suppose this were a courtroom. Here stands a criminal, guilty of murder, as all of us are. Whether

you like to think of it or not, the world is guilty of the crucifixion of the Son of God and those who are lost will meet God with the guilty, murderous act of the crucifixion of Jesus held against him.

Suppose a judge, in dealing with this criminal, said, "All right now, we are going to put the case out of court. We know that you did wrong, but we will forgive you and think no more of it." You would say, "What a weakling that judge is; no basis for it whatsoever."

Does God have a basis for forgiving you and me of our sins? In the Bible, Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; . . . and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." So, the cross and the death of Christ and the blood atonement is the basis of the forgiveness of sin.

Now, some of you Christian people, whether you have admitted it or not, deep down in your hearts wonder, "Am I truly saved?" You say to yourselves, "Am I truly forgiven?" A lack of understanding of the basis of forgiveness, according to the Bible, causes confusion and doubt, uncertainty and insecurity. So every Christian, with all his heart, should want to know: What does the Bible teach as the reason God can forgive me of my sins? The cross of Christ the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. You see, when Jesus died, my sins were laid on Him.

In the death of Jesus, I see sin condemned. I see the law of God's mighty book completely magnified. I see the sinner saved and the adversary confounded.

On the basis of the cross-work of Christ, God can say to anyone today, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." So, when you think and contemplate of the forgiveness of your sins, remember it is only the basis of the cross of Christ; for God can look upon that cross-work and the Father can say, "The sins of that man have been atoned for, paid for and died for. On that basis, I can forgive him if he accepts that faith."

You see, somebody has got to suffer for sin. You remember that. If you will not accept the suffering of Christ, then you will have to do your own suffering. Someone has to pay. "The wages of sin is death." Therefore for sin, someone has to suffer, to die. It is up to you, whether it is you or Christ.

I read a beautiful and true story of an incorrigible young boy attending camp in Canada. Nobody could do anything for that boy, yet they thought at this camp he perhaps could be helped. There was a good, Christian man there who said, "I am going to help that boy. By the grace of God, I will succeed in straightening out that incorrigible boy!"

One day this boy did something terribly wrong. The council wanted to send him home as a lost cause. Then, the Christian man said, "Let me go and take this boy to my cabin. Let us be locked up together for an hour and when we are through, I'll let you talk to him again and then we will decide whether you should send him home. The council agreed."

Inside his cabin, the good man sat down and said, "Now, Son, you have done wrong. You have sinned and broken every law in this camp. The whole council has agreed that if you got what was coming to you, you would be sent home today." He said, "Son, somebody has got to suffer for what you have done." He then pulled off his coat and the boy's eyes got big and filled with tears. The man pulled off his shirt and laid it aside. He took the belt off his trousers, folded it, took hold of one end and said, "Son, somebody has got to suffer."

The young man said to himself, "Yeah, another beating, another beating."

But that good man handed his belt to the boy and turned his back and said, "Lay it on me. Go ahead; lay it on me."

The boy said, "Oh, no, sir, I wouldn't hurt you."

The Christian said, "Son, somebody is going to get a beating in this room; me or you. For you to get one won't even solve your problems. If you pay for your sins, it shall by no means solve your problems. You will spend all eternity, if you reject Christ, in Hell, but it will never solve

your problems."

Finally, that boy, timidly, at first began to beat the naked back of the good man and he laid lash after lash on him. Then, the good man put on his shirt, belt and coat and a trembling, quivering, broken, repenting boy fell in his arms. He went back to the council and the men of the council all said, "He's a new boy, now."

Oh, thank God for Calvary! That is the basis of it. God laid upon Him the lashes due me! That is why God can forgive you today and THERE IS NO OTHER REASON. God forgives us on the basis of the cross-work of Jesus Christ.

The Completeness of Forgiveness

Now, the second factor I would like to point out about the forgiveness of sin is the completeness of forgiveness. You know, the Devil likes to make us Christian folks believe that our forgiveness is just partial. You might look at your sins as in two different groups. That group of sins before you were saved and that group of sins after you were saved. Some of you know God has forgiven you of your sins before you were saved and after you were saved, but you have never forgiven yourself for some of them. So, you look at them in two groups.

There was a lady in the prayer room one night who may exemplify just what I am talking about. Her problem on the subject of forgiveness was that she did not really know that she was saved. She said, "Mr. Malone, this is what bothers me. I can see how the Lord can forgive me of all my sins prior to tonight. Tonight, I came forward to be saved and to accept Christ! But I know I am still living in the world of sin, living in a home with an unsaved husband and working in a world of unsaved people. What am I going to do about my future sins?" Thus, she expressed the problem that many of you have worried about. What about the sins I have not committed yet? What about forgiveness of those?

I said to her and you have heard it a lot by many preachers, "When Christ died, all of your sins were future. Even the ones in your past were future and uncommitted. When Christ died on Calvary, He died for both groups of sins, both past and future. And so, the forgiveness of God is absolute and complete." This is one of many reasons I am so glad to be a Christian.

Your daily sins, of course, after you are saved must be confessed to God. Otherwise, you will lose fellowship, communion, and power with God. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Now, then, why did that verse say that He was "faithful and just" instead of saying, "If we confess our sins he will be 'gracious and merciful' to forgive us"? It says He is faithfully just because Christ on the cross died for my sins, my future sins; and when I come to God, God owes it to me, through Christ, to forgive me of whatever I confess to Him. God, in order to be faithful and just with His Son on the cross, must forgive me for whatever I ask of Him. This is what that wonderful verse is for. It is for the believer who has sinned against God after he became a Christian.

The Manner of Forgiveness

The third most important idea in the Bible concerning the forgiveness of sin is the manner of forgiveness. A woman, being a notorious sinner, came to Jesus and stood behind Him. She was of such guilt and sin she could not even kneel in front of Jesus, but rather, knelt behind Him. The tears were flowing as she bathed His feet with a costly ointment. Then, she let down the long strands of her hair—this, in the Bible, is a woman's glory—and she wiped His feet. Jesus looked down at her and saw the repentance and humility of her heart and He said, "Thy sins are forgiven."

An old Pharisee—you know, there are many, both modern and ancient—said, one ancient one, "How could you forgive that woman of her sins?" Jesus said, "I want to tell you a little story." He told of two men, one of whom owed

fifty and one of whom owed five hundred and the creditor forgave both of them. We find this beautiful statement in verse 42: "He frankly forgave them both." Notice the word "frankly." Think of it. He frankly forgave them both. And the Lord said, "Which one will love the creditor the most?" He said, "Well, the one who was forgiven of the most." Then, Jesus said, "Well, this is why the woman is so thankful; because she was forgiven of so much."

You know, my friends, God freely forgives. It is without reservation. It is without murmuring on God's part. This is the manner in which He forgives. Let me think with you for a moment, in closing, about Luke 15. There is not a more wonderful chapter in the Bible on the subject of forgiveness. You find three things in this chapter; three parts of one great parable.

You find the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the lost boy. In each of the instances you find that these three lost things are found. First of all, the shepherd finds the lost sheep. Now, he looks for this sheep until he finds it, reaches down on the ground and takes hold of the front feet of the sheep. He then takes hold of the back feet of the little lamb, swings it up and puts it on his shoulder around his neck. Here he is, on his way home and this is the picture of the shepherd of my soul and yours today. This shepherd with his little lamb about his shoulder, with the two

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A Typical Letter From a Christian in Poland

(a literal translation)

"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:15, 16.

"Dear and honoured brother in the Lord, M. Zeidman:

"Our heartiest thanks from all our family for the letter that gave us so much joy as well as for the \$30 sent to us in the name of my sister Annie. May the Lord Jesus repay our fellow Christians for remembering us and continually caring for us.

"This is a very great help for us and we see in it the loving hand of our Heavenly Father who knows well our needs and sends us help in the right time. It is indeed miraculous! The Lord Jesus said: 'Therefore take no thought . . . for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.' Matthew 6:31, 32. And so we live from day to day. Our Father in heaven knows how to supply our needs. For all these things, may Jesus Christ be praised. We thank you again, 'Andrew, Mary and Barbara.'

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With the Evangelists

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EVANGELIST DENZEL MILLER, 2742-4th Avenue, Huntington 2, West Virginia, together with Rev. Paul Collins held a revival sometime ago in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church of Gresham, Oregon. During that meeting there were 36 decisions for salvation, 8 for rededication, 15 for soul winning, and a number of other decisions among Christians.

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythwood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, recently completed an eight-day meeting in the Turnpike Baptist Church of Hungerford, Pennsylvania. Rev. Richard M. Kidd, pastor, reports 12 first-time decisions for salvation and about 40 decisions on the part of Christians for assurance, rededication, and soul winning. The pastor recommends Glen Schunk as being a "powerful preacher, an earnest soul winner, and a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word."

EVANGELIST HAL WEBB with musician Theron Babcock has had a good summer including services at Ocean City, New Jersey; Carthage, Arkansas; two Bible conferences in Pennsylvania, two Christian ranches. They have seen nearly 300 outright conversions of young people this summer. This fine evangelistic team are fundamental, true to the Word. Hal Webb is a graduate of Bob Jones University. Address 508 Buse Street, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN of P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, writes to tell us of blessed results in his revivals during the month of August. There were 101 who trusted Christ as Saviour and 346 rededications during that month this year. Four of those saved were Roman Catholic and one a Mormon.

Brother Duncan has some time open in his itinerary next year. He has two weeks open in the Michigan area, one week in February and one week in June. Then he has two weeks open in the Texas area, one week in March and one week in May. We heartily recommend Brother Duncan as an excellent evangelist and feel sure you would be blessed by his ministry.

EVANGELIST BOB PERS-SON, Route 2, Greenville, South

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Carolina, conducted a Youth Revival in the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. Harold B. Sightler, pastor, reports some 8 professions of faith, over 50 rededications, 4 young folks surrendering to full time service. He said further, "This was the first time we had ever undertaken such a meeting but we plan to make it an annual affair because of the splendid results."

EVANGELIST DON CHEN-OWETH of P.O. Box 2, Tampa, Florida, reports a tent revival in Southgate, Michigan, where Rev. Oscar McCollum was the pastor of the sponsoring church. During the meeting there were 83 professions of faith in Christ. Brother Chenoweth has been invited back for another tent campaign next year.

Forgiveness of Sins

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front feet in one hand and the two back feet in the other, is walking with that which he found that went astray!

He has found that which was lost. And what was his attitude? He does not say, "You had no business running away. I should have left you on that mountain side, to perish forever." No, this is a picture of Jesus and Jesus does not act that way toward His own. So, we read, this shepherd on his way home is almost running and he comes back rejoicing that he found his lost sheep. He loves

it; he rubs its little head with medicinal oil and he says, "You are forgiven and I love you like all the rest." You see, that is the way God deals with us.

Now, there was a lost coin and a woman lit a lamp and sought diligently until she found it. What did she do? Did she squeeze her hand and say, "Why, you thoughtless little object; for all the trouble you caused me, I should have left you lost forever"? Oh, no! She calls to her neighbor, "Come, come! Let us rejoice together. I have found that which was lost," and there is happiness and rejoicing, contentment.

Finally, there was a lost boy. This is close to home because there is a human soul involved. The prodigal's father who had been looking for his son sat upon his porch and looked down across the little country road, the meadows, and the fields. Then, as he thought, "Perhaps he'll come today; perhaps he'll come," he sees an old ragged tramp coming. He sees him in old tattered rags and shoes hanging off his feet, shuffling along the road.

The old man shaded his eyes, and, after a while, he said, "It looks like my boy, but it could not be. Why, my boy is the finest looking young man. It could not be him." He keeps looking and after a while, the old man very laboriously raises from his chair and stands on his cane and sees the young man coming. Then, he says, "Why, he is my boy." The old man ran as fast as he could.

Now, you find in this beautiful symbol the only picture in the

Bible where God ever runs and where God ever hurries. God could have made the world and everything in it in six seconds, let alone six days. He took his time, but when God sees a sinner coming to Calvary, God actually gets in a hurry to get to him. The old man ran and fell on his son's neck and kissed him. He said, "Son, I'm so glad you are here."

The boy was trying to confess. He said, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before thee." His father said, "Well, hush, my boy." To the servant he said, "Go kill the fatted calf and bring forth the best robe. Put a ring on his finger, shoes on his feet. Let us have a big time. Let us make merry. This, my son, was lost and now he is found. He was dead, but now he is alive." This is how God forgives man of his sins. There is no half-way job. The manner of God's forgiveness is absolute, complete, eternal; and, He gives it without a murmur, without a grudge.

Forgiveness like that is worth all of the most serious thinking of your ability. It is worth your heart, your soul, your body, and all that you have. "Thy sins are forgiven."

Can this be true of you? Do you know today that there is not one sin on your account in the Glory? I do. It is not because I am a good man because I am not. I am a sinner saved by God's grace. But, my sins have all been charged to Jesus and I have accepted Him, the payment made in full and I have the receipt both in my heart and in my hand, the

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